

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) Pourable, water continuous frying composition ~~having which is an emulsion and which has a~~ Bostwick value at 15°C of at least 5, comprising more than 50 and up to 80 wt% fat, 0.1 to 5 wt.% salt[,] ~~and~~ 0.05 to 2 wt% lecithin ~~as anti-spattering agent~~, 0.35 to 5 wt.% of at least one emulsifier having a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance value of at least 7, and optionally a biopolymer, the amount of biopolymer when added being at most 0.3 wt% on total composition weight, the fat being dispersed in a water phase as droplets that have an average droplet size (d_{43}) of less than 8 μm .
2. (cancelled)
3. (original) Pourable composition according to claim 1 wherein the emulsifier is selected from the group comprising di-acetyl tartaric acid esters of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides (DATEM), polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters (Tween), sucrose esters, sodium stearyl lactylate (SSL), polyglycerol esters (PGE), acetylated pectin, esters of citric acid with monoglycerides and/or with diglycerides, lactic acid esters of mono-and/or diglycerides, succinic acid esters of mono-and/or diglycerides; or combinations thereof.
4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) Pourable composition according to claim 1 wherein the emulsifier is DATEM.
6. (original) Pourable composition according to claim 1 characterised by a pH of between 3 and 8.
7. (original) Pourable composition according to claim 1 comprising a biopolymer.
8. (original) Pourable composition according to claim 7 wherein the biopolymer is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 0.3 wt%.
9. (cancelled)
10. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of a pourable, water continuous frying composition ~~having which is an emulsion and which has a~~ Bostwick value at 15°C of at least 5, comprising more than 50 and up to 80 wt% fat, 0.1 to 5 wt.% salt, ~~and~~ 0.05 to 2 wt% lecithin as anti-spattering agent, 0.35 to 5 wt.% of at least one emulsifier having a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance value of at least 7, and optionally a biopolymer, the amount of biopolymer when added being at most 0.3 wt% on total composition weight, said process comprising the steps of emulsifying a fat phase comprising fat phase ingredients with an aqueous phase comprising aqueous phase ingredients such that the resulting emulsion has an average fat droplet size d_{43} that is below 8 μm .
11. (previously presented) Process for the preparation of a pourable, water continuous frying composition according to claim 10 wherein the aqueous phase comprises a di-acetyltartaric acid ester of mono- and/or diglycerides and has a pH of 4 or higher.

12. (currently amended) Process for preparing a foodstuff by shallow frying comprising the steps of heating a water-continuous emulsion composition in a frying pan to a desired temperature, said composition having a Bostwick value at 15°C of at least 5, comprising more than 50 and up to 80 wt% fat, 0.1 to 5 wt.% salt[,] and 0.05 to 2 wt% lecithin as anti-spattering agent, 0.35 to 5 wt.% of at least one emulsifier having a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance value of at least 7, and optionally a biopolymer, the amount of biopolymer when added being at most 0.3 wt% on total composition weight, the fat being dispersed in a water phase to an average droplet size (d_{43}) of less than 8 μm ; and then placing a foodstuff in the heated composition.

13 (previously presented) The composition according to claim 5 wherein the DATEM is present in an amount of from 0.3 to 3 wt. %.

14. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the average droplet size d_{43} is less than 6 μm .

15. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the average droplet size d_{43} is from 0.35 to 4 μm .

16. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 comprising 55 to 75 wt% fat.